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Letter dated 23 March 2004 from the Permanent Representative of Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that Romania is seeking to apply for admission to membership in the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Romania has been an observer to the Executive Committee and has strongly supported the goals and endeavours of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Our decision to apply for membership in the Executive Committee is well founded on the Romanian Government's continuing efforts to alleviate the situation of asylum-seekers and refugees, on the national and regional levels, as a party to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol thereto.

The Government of Romania firmly believes that its membership in the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will provide an opportunity for further contributions in this respect.

In the light of the above and subject to your positive consideration, it is our hope that the Economic and Social Council will approve the request of the Government of Romania and accordingly recommend that the General Assembly take a decision to increase by one the membership of the Executive Committee.

(*Signed*) Mihnea **Motoc**
Ambassador

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